

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2009.

No new matter has been added.

Claim objection

While not conceding to the propriety of the objection to the specification and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, the claims have been amended in the manner requested.

Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Specification objection

While not conceding to the propriety of the objection to the specification and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, the specification has been amended as set forth in the Substitute Specification.

Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejoinder

The claims have been amended in the manner requested. In particular, the features of claims 10 and 11 have been wholly incorporated into claim 9.

Rejoinder of the remaining alleged inventions upon the allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. M.P.E.P. §809.

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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Respectfully submitted,

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